

REMARKS

In the outstanding Official Action, claims 3, 5 and 12 were objected to because of the noted informalities and language. In response, claims 3, 5 and 12 are herewith amended to specifically address and correct the noted informalities, and it is respectfully submitted that these claims are now in proper form.

On the merits, claims 8-9 and 15-20 were deemed to be allowable if placed in independent form, while the remaining claims were rejected as either being anticipated by or unpatentable over Yamasaki for the reasons of record.


In response, and in order to place the instant application in condition for allowance, claims 1 and 10 are herewith amended in order to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claims 8 and 15, respectively.

In view of these amendments, independent claims 1 and 10 now contain allowable subject matter in accordance with the indication of allowability in the outstanding Action, and it is accordingly respectfully submitted that independent claims 1 and 10, as herein amended, and the remaining claims depending therefrom, are now in condition for allowance.



Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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